

**NORTH AMERICAN CLIMATE LEADERSHIP**  
**13 September 2018**

To accelerate climate policy efforts across North America, Canada, Mexico and the U.S. Climate Alliance launched the North American Climate Leadership Dialogue at COP23, identifying a short list of topics to be addressed. Delivering on that promise for closer cooperation, at today's Global Climate Action Summit, Canada, Mexico, and the U.S. Climate Alliance agreed to work together to achieve an ambitious climate agenda, and to report on our progress at the 2019 UN Secretary General's Climate Summit.

To protect our communities from harmful pollution now, we will stand united across the continent in **implementing and defending progressively more stringent clean car standards.**

Our jurisdictions are already leaders on zero-carbon energy. We commit to go further, by reaffirming the commitment made at the North America Leaders Summit to achieve **50% of zero-carbon power generation by 2025** across the region, working hand-in-hand with the private sector and beyond the borders of our membership. [XYZ States also join] Canada and Mexico in the **Powering Past Coal Alliance**, and resolve to phase out traditional and new coal power stations without operational carbon capture and storage.

Some studies show that we can cost-effectively reduce super pollutants - namely **methane, HFCs and black carbon** - by an estimated 40-50 percent by 2030. To drive down these harmful pollutants, Canada and Mexico accept the Short-Lived Climate Pollutant Challenge issued by the U.S. Climate Alliance, and we each agree to develop and implement ambitious SLCP-reduction strategies.

We also recognize that we cannot achieve the goals of the Paris Agreement through traditional mitigation sectors, like energy and industry, alone. We must pull harmful carbon out of our atmosphere as fast as possible. We therefore accept the Natural and Working Lands Challenge and **resolve to protect and sequester carbon in our lands, and will integrate actions and pathways into state GHG mitigation plans by 2020.**

**SAVE SPACE FOR SOMETHING ON RESILIENCE?**

**DETAILS ON ANNOUNCEMENT, IMPLEMENTATION AND REPORTING**

**NACLD Ministerial:** We will convene a ministerial meeting on September 13<sup>th</sup> from 14:00-14:50 on the margins of the Global Climate Action Summit in San Francisco to formalize the agreement on these areas for cooperation and reporting back to our leaders in 2019. We will convene a larger group of ministers immediately afterwards to discuss climate priorities across the group, and brief them on the outcomes of the NACLD meeting.

**Implementation:** Implementation should occur at the technical level, and through cooperation amongst our experts, including in-person meetings, where appropriate. Mechanisms could include:

- **ZEVS:** Cooperation on ZEV corridors can be organized through PCC and TCI.
- **Clean car standards:** Trilateral coordination on messaging around emissions standards, and an open dialogue to try to bring the standards to the same, sufficiently stringent standard.
- **Clean energy goal:** We will report to each other mid-2019, and strive to generate more zero-carbon power if needed to hit our goal.
- **SLCP Strategies:** Technical cooperation between the teams could be useful as many states will be doing this for the first time, and Canada already has an elaborate strategy.

**Reporting:** Parties would agree to report to their leaders annually on progress towards commitments. The Alliance would report publicly through its annual report, which is released in September. The 2019 reporting back could be linked to the 2019 SG's Summit

**NORTH AMERICAN CLIMATE LEADERS STATEMENT**

November 13, 2017

**Bonn, Germany – November 13, 2017** – Canada, Mexico, and the U.S. Climate Alliance, a bipartisan coalition of 15 U.S. Governors, stand together in a strong commitment to combat climate change and support clean growth across North America. We recognize that a global climate challenge demands working together.

We agreed today to strengthen our climate initiatives through a new North American Climate Leadership Dialogue. We will share progress on these goals at the 2018 Global Climate Action Summit to be hosted by California this September.

Leaders decided that the Dialogue will address topics including clean transportation and zero-emission vehicles, vehicle efficiency, clean technology, supporting clean power while reducing reliance on coal-fired electricity, carbon pricing initiatives, and reducing short-lived climate pollutants.

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The **U.S. Climate Alliance** was formed by Governors Jerry Brown, Andrew Cuomo and Jay Inslee in response to the U.S. federal government's decision to withdraw the United States from the Paris Agreement on climate change. The bipartisan coalition of states is committed to the goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions consistent with the goals of the Paris Agreement.

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